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Nuclear Pakistan

Pakistan has acquired American nuclear bomb detonators — known as Kryptons — an ABC-TV report claimed yesterday, quoting U.S. intelligence sources. It said the electronic detonators had already been successfully tested in non-nuclear explosions at a secret atomic plant near Islamabad. It was not known how they could have been acquired. A Pakistani national was expelled by the United States at the end of last year for trying to get hold of 50 Kryptons. There has long been concern in Washington that Pakistan — a nuclear threshold state along with Argentina, Brazil, Israel and South Africa - would soon be able to manufacture nuclear weapons. Pakistani President Gen. Zia ul-Haq insists that his country's activities in the nuclear field are purely for peaceful purposes.



Hyman Rickover

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